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Subject: Re: California Bay-Delta FY 2012 Initiatives FY 2012 CALIFORNIA BAY initiatives template.doc

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Subject: California Bay-Delta FY 2012 Initiatives

All,

At our last California Bay-Delta interagency check-in meeting on Tuesday, February 21, we discussed whether the federal agencies should publish a federal update on the ongoing restoration efforts for the Bay-Delta. The last federal update was released to the public in December 2010. We agreed at the February 21 meeting that if the federal family is to release such a document, it would make the most sense to aim for a summer release after there is more clarity as to the BDCP.

You will recall that in the past, CEQ has asked the federal agencies who have equities in the Bay-Delta to update an internal tracking matrix, so that this interagency group can get broad overview of the ongoing work by the federal family as it relates to the 2009 Interim Federal Action Plan. It has been some time since our existing tracking tables have been updated and CEQ would like to ask that the Corps, NOAA, Reclamation, Fish & Wildlife Service, USGS, USDA, and EPA update the document for FY 2012. You will see that the first attached document tracked progress for FY 2011. Each agency should complete the attached FY 2012 template with completed projects since FY 2009, projects slated for completion in FY 2012, and projects which will be worked on throughout FY 2012 (all under the auspices of the 2009 Interim Federal Action Plan).

Please submit all entries to CEQ by COB, Tuesday, March 20. Feel free to e-mail or call with any questions.

Thank you.

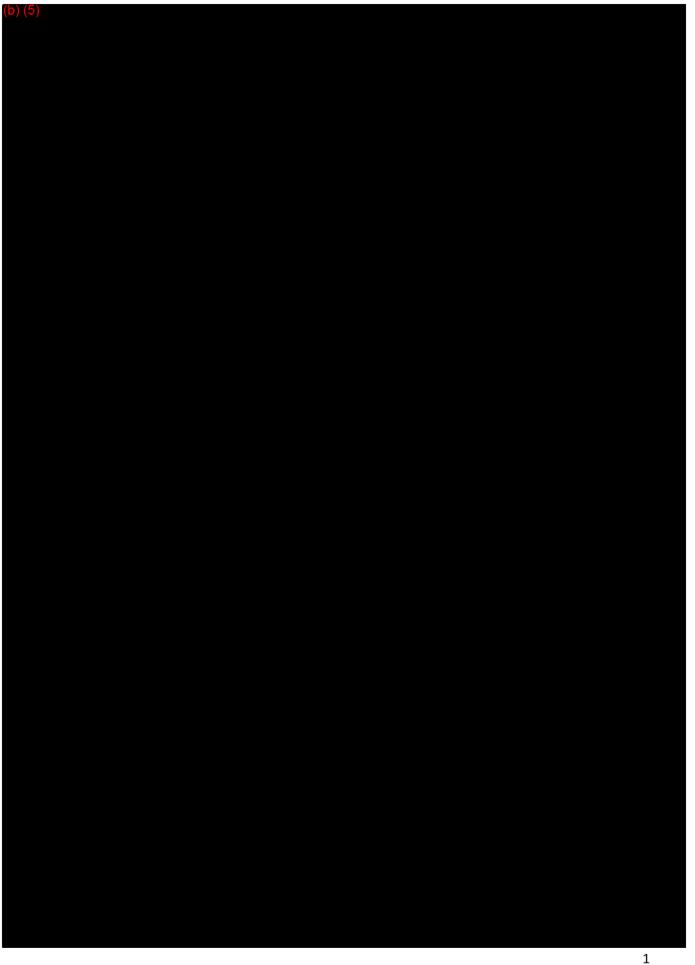
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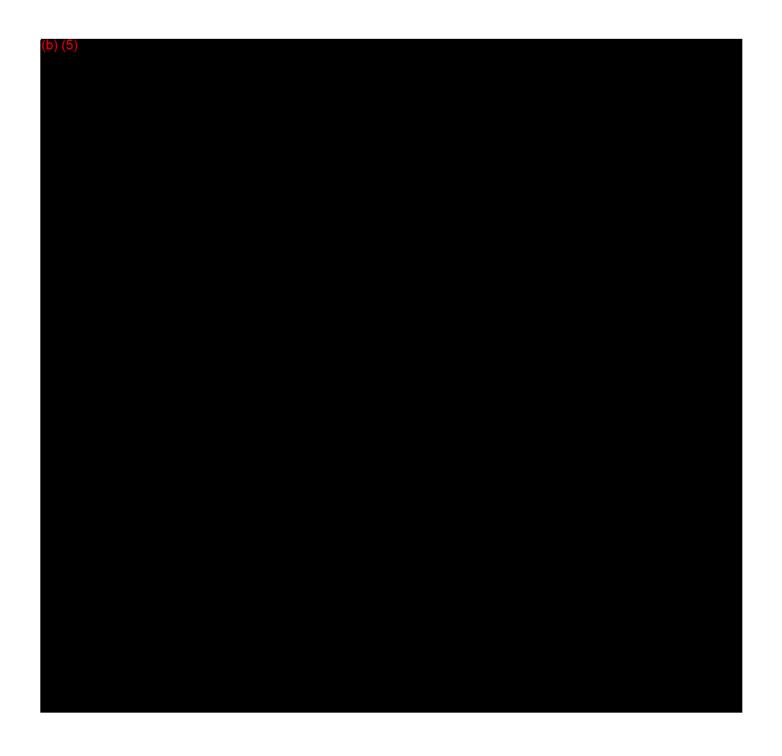






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Roger - are you going with Nancy? If not, anything she needs to know from us ahead of time?

Bay-Delta interagency briefing

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## Hello all,

It's time again to call the interagency together to download the latest events around Bay Delta Restoration. Please join us for an update on the latest on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and related developments—it appears that 3:00 Friday, June 8th will work best for most folks. All signals point to a busy summer and it will be good to make sure we are all on the same page--an agenda will be circulated ahead of the meeting. Please RSVP to this invite and contact Ann Hunter-Pirtle (6) (6) with questions. Thank you.

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The Action Plan is based, in part, on public comments received in response to EPA's February 2011 Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. This action completes EPA's commitment in the December 2009 Interim Federal Action Plan to assess whether current regulatory mechanisms designed to protect water quality in the Estuary and its tributaries are effective in protecting aquatic resources.

While EPA's review found that much activity is under way to improve the Estuary's water quality, significant work remains. The Action Plan highlights the most critical activities, in particular, the review and modification by the State Water Resources Control Board of water quality standards to protect estuarine habitat. The Action Plan describes EPA's expectations of work that the State Water Board will do, as well as the support that EPA will provide.

EPA's Action Plan, along with the February 2011 ANPR and a synthesis of the public comments received, can be found on EPA's website:

http://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/actionplan.html

Please note that we expect to post the Action Plan on Monday, July 9, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Schwinn in our San Francisco Office at 415-972-3472

Thanks,

Roger

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Good additions, Roger. Thanks

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Letty,

Here are a couple of minor, yet important comments (in bold) on the MOU.

#### II. PURPOSE

(a) The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to confirm the federal commitment to work in partnership with the State of California and interested stakeholders to protect a high quality, reliable and sustainable long-term water supply for California while also restoring the

environmental integrity and sustainability of the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

#### IV. FEDERAL BAY-DELTA LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

(d) The Federal Bay-Delta Leadership Committee will meet on a periodic basis to develop and coordinate federal participation in Bay-Delta matters. Activities coordinated through the Committee shall include drought relief efforts, review of projects and operations intended to address short and medium term issues, and the development of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and other longer-term mechanisms to improve the ecological health of the Bay-Delta and address water supply and quality needs.

Thanks

Roger

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All:

Wanted to be sure you saw this morning's message from Letty Belin at Interior. With respect to additional comments on the first draft of the MOU, we already provided the comments prepared by Region 9 and I expect they will be reflected in the next draft. If you have any additional comments, please send them to me. In the interest of time, you can also send them directly to Letty Belin.

With respect to the public meeting on September 30, Pete (and Lori), it looks like Pete would need to be there at 8:45 for about an hour. Formal invitation should be coming next week.

Thanks,

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Subject: Re: Bay-Delta MOU and Sept. 30th public meeting

#### Two things:

- 1. Please get me your revisions to the MOU asap. I have follow-up comments from NOAA but no one else at this point. That is fine if you have nothing further beyond the items that you brought up at our meeting this week.
- 2. Secretary Salazar will be inviting each of your principals to come to the September 30th meeting here at the Interior South auditorium on California water/Bay-Delta issues where hopefully we will be announcing the MOU and the general outlines of our joint plan for action on the Bay-Delta. Presentations will start at 8:00; Secretary Salazar will be there at 9:00 and announce the MOU at that time. It would be great if your respective heads could join him for at least that part of the meeting -- I would appreciate it if you passed the invitation along now since it won't be till Monday or Tuesday that we get the written invitations out. We are expecting much of the time from 9:00-10:00 at the 9/30 meeting to be taken with comments/dialogue with members of the California congressional delegation who will be present. There will be public comments/questions from approximately 10-12. If you have questions, please call or email me. Thanks a lot.

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Subject: Next Bay-Delta meeting: Next Wed 9/23, 11:30-12:30 EDT

Hi everyone,

After coordinating with DOI, we'd like to schedule our next Bay-Delta meeting for next Wednesday 9/23 from 11:30-12:30 EDT. We'll be in the White House Conference Center's Eisenhower Room, which is on the second floor and is between CEQ's offices at 722 and 730 Jackson Place. I'll follow up early next week to confirm exact inperson attendees for this discussion (and gather phone numbers just in case).

For those calling in, the bridge number is (6) (6)

As a reminder, please send Letty your comments on the MOU draft by COB tomorrow (Thursday). We look forward to discussing an updated draft on Wednesday.

Thanks, Matt

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Subject: Bay-Delta follow-up: Comments to Letty by COB Thur, CA bill summaries

Hi everyone,

Thanks for joining today's meeting on Bay-Delta, and sorry for the early technical difficulties.

As a reminder, please send any additional comments to Letty by COB Thursday in preparation for developing an updated draft by next week. We'll work with DOI to find a convenient time next week to get feedback on an updated draft MOU and will get back to you shortly with a time.

Also, see attached for summaries of some of the key water bills introduced in the CA legislature, the content of which may reemerge if the legislature returns for a special session.

Please let me know if you have any questions – and looking forward to continuing the discussion next week.

Best, Matt -----

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#### Hi Mike:

For our 11:30 meeting today, obviously MOU review is the main item but here is a draft agenda for you to add to:

- \* brief update (appropriations rider, USDA drought declaration, California legislative update, anything else?)
- \* reminder about coordinating our public communications/actions relating to Bay Delta (e.g., we had no idea that USDA was going to do a drought declaration)
- \* update on Sept. 30th meeting
- review and edit MOU

David Nawi just sent me a few more redlines, including some language on consolidation -- attached. Any problem if I send this around? Thanks. LEtty

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We just received the new draft of the MOU (attached). Last call for comments is this afternoon. I believe the comments (region 9's and mine) have been folded in and I am not anticipating we have any issues at this point. If you do have additional comments, please send them to me asap. Lee, I recognize OGC has a review and concurrence process that may take a little longer. You should probably get started now using the clean version attached. If a subsequent version is distributed I'll send right away.

We're working on a 1-pager for briefing book for LPJ's region 9 visit. It will include what we know about logistics of finalizing the MOU and next Wednesday's public meeting. With the Administrator in Region 9 next week and the MOU teed up for discussion, and with Pete Silva in the loop, I'm hopeful we can get the go ahead for signature of the MOU on Monday.

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Subject: Updated Bay-Delta MOU, schedule, and update

#### Hi everyone,

First, please see attached for an updated Bay-Delta draft MOU. We've provided both a clean version and a Track Changes version, based on the version with David's edits from yesterday's meeting. Please keep this draft close hold, and please review and send any additional comments to Letty, Mike, Scott, and I this afternoon/evening. Per the schedule below, we will set up a check-in call tomorrow afternoon (if necessary) to resolve any remaining major issues.

Second, below is a timeline for how we see things shaping up between now and the document's release on Wednesday. As shown below, we plan to finalize the content by Monday so you can work to obtain principals' signatures early next week.

Finally, Letty confirmed yesterday that the DOI event next Wednesday will be only a listening session (not Q&A), which will minimize our need to produce talking points and Q&As. In addition, it does not seem like agency officials will need to give remarks on Monday. We should have more clarity on the details of the event after a meeting with the Secretary this afternoon.

Please let us know if you have any questions, and thanks for your help throughout this process.

Best, Matt

#### MOU ROLLOUT TIMELINE

Thursday 9/24: DOI and CEQ distribute updated MOU. Agencies provide comments to DOI/CEQ on

updated draft.

Friday 9/25 DOI/CEQ compile final MOU comments and (if necessary) schedule afternoon check-in

call

Monday 9/28 AM: Document finalized; agencies obtain principals' signatures

Tuesday 9/29: Finalize MOU Q&As and talking points (draft produced by CEQ & DOI)

Wednesday 9/30: Announce MOU at DOI event -----

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## CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG FEDERAL AGENCIES

## I. RECITALS

- (a) The Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta-San Francisco Bay estuary (Bay-Delta) is among the most important estuary ecosystems in the nation. The Bay-Delta is a source of drinking water for more than 22 million people; it supports a \$28 billion agricultural industry; and the Delta and its watershed have supported a thriving commercial and recreational fishing industry that has contributed hundreds of millions of dollars to the California economy. The Bay-Delta is also the heart and a critical crossroads of the delivery system that transports water from Northern California to agricultural and urban water users south of the Delta.
- (b) The Bay-Delta is in crisis. Decades of environmental degradation have led to severe declines in Delta fisheries and have contributed to the collapse of the State of California's (State) salmon fishing industry. The State is in the third year of drought with the consequent decreased water supplies contributing further to the problems. Both the Bay-Delta ecosystem and the economy dependent on its water and fish are on the precipice of collapse. Furthermore, climate change and seismic risks present additional, serious threats to the Bay-Delta environment, the levees and the Delta communities that depend on them, as well as the water supplies that travel through the Bay-Delta.
- (c) Given the national significance of the Bay-Delta ecosystem and its importance to the millions of people who depend on it for water supplies and for environmental benefits, it is imperative that the federal government reestablish its leadership role in Bay-Delta matters, working in partnership with the State and interested stakeholders. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is intended to build upon and complement the collaborative work already being done by the federal government, the State, and other key stakeholders.

## II. VISION AND PURPOSE

- (a) The federal parties envision a healthy and sustainable Bay Delta ecosystem that provides for a high quality, reliable and sustainable long-term water supply for California, and restores the environmental integrity and sustainability of the system.
- (b) This MOU confirms the commitment of the federal parties to work in partnership with the State and diverse stakeholders to fully exercise their authorities and apply sound science in achieving the purpose of the MOU.

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(c) This MOU establishes a structure for coordinating and streamlining the actions of the federal agencies with primary responsibilities and authority over key aspects of the Bay-Delta and its tributaries to advance the federal commitment to this critical ecosystem.

## III. PARTIES

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Thanks for your quick work on this!

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All: The final MOU for signature is attached below. CEQ is requesting principals' signatures today. Mary Kay Lynch concurred for OGC last Friday. I recommend OW also concur. The Administrator and Acting Region 9 Administrator Laura Yoshii are scheduled to meet later today in Region 9 and the MOU is one of the items I understand they will be discussing. Once they have discussed the MOU, I suggest we try to secure the go ahead to have the document signed by the Administrator. CEQ has asked for the Administrator's signature on a printed version of the attachment and to have that scanned and emailed to them. Lynn, I can discuss the logistics of that with you. Thanks everyone.

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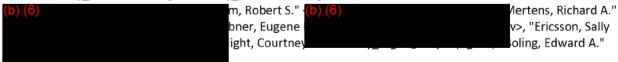
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Hi everyone,

Thanks for all your help on preparing the Bay-Delta materials for Wednesday's announcement. Attached is a final draft of the MOU, which has no substantive changes since the understanding we reached on Friday afternoon.

Rob, thanks for forwarding along the EPA OGC edits over the weekend. As we discussed earlier this morning, this version keeps the original language from last week (e.g., keeping "will" rather than "intend to" to better demonstrate concrete commitment).

Please begin gathering your principals' signatures on this document and send us a signed copy when you complete the process. We'll take the lead on compiling the separate signatures into a final document.

Finally, please expect a set of draft high-level talking points / Q&As a bit later today, which we developed in coordination with DOI. We look forward to your comments so we can finalize these materials tomorrow.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions, and thanks again for your help throughout this process.

Best, Matt

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# CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG FEDERAL AGENCIES

# I. RECITALS

- (a) The Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta-San Francisco Bay estuary (Bay-Delta) is among the most important estuary ecosystems in the nation. The Bay-Delta is a source of drinking water for more than 22 million people, it supports a \$28 billion agricultural industry, and the Delta and its watershed have supported a thriving commercial and recreational fishing industry that has contributed hundreds of millions of dollars to the California economy. The Bay-Delta is also the heart and a critical crossroads of the delivery system that transports water from Northern California to agricultural and urban water users south of the Delta.
- (b) The Bay-Delta is in crisis. Decades of environmental degradation have led to severe declines in Delta fisheries and have contributed to the collapse of the State of California's (State) salmon fishing industry. The State is in the third year of drought with the consequent decreased water supplies contributing further to the problems. Both the Bay-Delta ecosystem and the economy dependent on its water and fish are on the precipice of collapse. Furthermore, climate change and seismic risks present additional, serious threats to the Bay-Delta environment, the levees and the Delta communities that depend on them, as well as the water supplies that travel through the Bay-Delta.
- (c) Given the national significance of the Bay-Delta ecosystem and its importance to the millions of people who depend on it for water supplies and for environmental benefits, it is imperative that the federal government reestablish a leadership role in Bay-Delta matters, working in partnership with the State and interested stakeholders. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is intended to build upon and complement the collaborative work already being done by the federal government, the State, and other key stakeholders.

#### II. VISION AND PURPOSE

- (a) The federal parties envision a healthy and sustainable Bay-Delta ecosystem that provides for a high-quality, reliable and sustainable long-term water supply for California, and restores the environmental integrity and sustainability of the system.
- (b) This MOU confirms the commitment of the federal parties to work in partnership with the State and diverse stakeholders to use their authorities and apply sound science in

achieving the purpose of the MOU.

(c) This MOU establishes a structure for coordinating and streamlining the actions of the federal agencies with primary federal responsibilities and authority over key aspects of the Bay-Delta and its tributaries to advance the federal role in this critical ecosystem.

#### III. PARTIES

The parties to this MOU are:

- (a) The United States Department of the Interior, which has jurisdiction pursuant to the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (title XXXIV of Public Law 102–575; 106 Stat. 4706), the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. Section 661 et seq.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Section 1531 et seq.), and other applicable law;
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- (d) The Department of the Army, which has jurisdiction pursuant to flood control, and water resource development statutes, section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. Section 408) and section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1344), and other applicable law;
- (e) The United States Department of Agriculture, which has jurisdiction pursuant to title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. Section 3801 et seq.), the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–171; 116 Stat. 134) (including amendments made by that Act), and other applicable law.
- (f) The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), which has jurisdiction pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. Section 4321 et seq.) and other applicable law.

#### IV. FEDERAL BAY-DELTA LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

- (a) The Secretary of the Interior and/or his designee will serve as the lead for developing and coordinating federal policy and initiatives in Bay-Delta matters.
- (b) The Chair of CEQ will work with the Secretary of the Interior in coordinating the

development and implementation of federal policy and initiatives in Bay-Delta matters.

- (c) Coordination among the federal parties will be facilitated through the formation of a Federal Bay-Delta Leadership Committee, which will be co-chaired by the Secretary of the Interior and the Chair of CEQ, or their designees. The Federal Bay-Delta Leadership Committee will include a single senior designee from each of the following agencies: the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Army, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and such other agencies as the Secretary and the Chair deem necessary.
- (d) The Federal Bay-Delta Leadership Committee will meet on a regular basis to develop and coordinate federal participation in Bay-Delta matters. Activities coordinated through the Committee shall include efforts addressing drought, encouragement of land stewardship and water conservation activities, review of projects and operations intended to address short- and medium- term issues, implementation of measures developed pursuant to the ESA-related requirements, and the development of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and other longer-term mechanisms to improve the ecological health of the Bay-Delta and address water supply and quality needs in a sustainable manner.
- (e) Regional offices of the participating agencies will provide for the close and effective coordination of their actions and participation in matters affecting the Bay-Delta.

#### V. FEDERAL WORK PLAN

- (a) By December 15, 2009, the Federal Bay-Delta Leadership Committee will develop, in consultation with the State and other interested stakeholders, a coordinated federal work plan outlining near-term federal actions that will be taken in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this MOU. In developing the work plan, the Leadership Committee, in close coordination with the parties' regional offices, will set near-term, performance-based goals and will review and prioritize actions across agencies to achieve those goals.
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  - (ii) Habitat restoration projects in the Suisun Marsh and other biologically critical sites;
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- (v) Projects aimed at mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change on Delta stability;
- (vi) A coordinated process for undertaking regulatory actions by federal agencies in the Bay-Delta including, but not limited to, consolidation of scientific review by and the potential co-location of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service personnel, and a review of current agreements and regulatory activities in the Bay-Delta;
- (vii) Recovery Act and other projects in the Bay-Delta and areas affected by the Bay-Delta ecosystem and water supplies passing through the Delta; and
- (viii) Conservation, recycling, and efficiencies in water use, and land stewardship activities that benefit the Bay-Delta ecosystem.
- (c) As this work plan is developed and implementation begins, the parties and their regional offices will coordinate the parties' actions closely with the State and diverse stakeholders, and ensure that there is open and ongoing communication throughout.
- (d) This work plan will be modified as deemed necessary by the parties in order to adapt to new circumstances and events.
- (e) As the Leadership Committee develops the near-term work plan, it will begin to identify and prioritize key longer-term federal actions and resources to achieve the purpose of this MOU and incorporate such actions within a longer-term plan.

#### VI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- (a) This MOU is not intended to, and does not, restrict the authority of any party to act as provided by law, statute or regulation.
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